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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The examiner has allowed claims 13-20. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Applicant's invention is a packaging for oral hygiene devices comprising an elongated hollow tubular housing with two non-pointed sealed ends and with an opening means between the two ends. A predetermined length of dental floss is disposed within the sealed hollow tubular elongated housing and affixed to the two ends of the elongated housing. An elongated member with one or more pointed ends is also disposed within said sealed elongated housing. Applicant's invention effectively and efficiently protects the dental floss and the elongated member from contamination and also protects the person carrying the oral hygiene devices from being injured by the oral hygiene devices.

Applicant hereby submits that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, have all been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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